

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An embossing system, comprising:

a base including a plurality of posts positioned on an outer portion thereof;

a lower template including:

a plurality of shapes formed therein, and

a plurality of regions on the outer portion thereof for alignment with the posts;

an upper template including:

a plurality of regions on the outer portion thereof for alignment with the posts and the regions of the lower template, and

a plurality of shapes formed therein that align with and are substantially identical to the plurality of shapes of the lower template when the posts and the regions of the second template and the lower template are in alignment, the plurality of shapes of the lower template being smaller in size than the corresponding plurality of shapes of the upper template;

the plurality of shapes of the upper template having an outer guide edge; and

the plurality of shapes of the lower template having an outer embossing edge which protrudes beyond the outer edge of the upper template when the upper template and lower template are aligned;

wherein the substantially identical shapes of the lower template and the upper template interact to thereby provide a crisp embossment.

2. (Original) The embossing system of claim 1, further comprising a textured plate positioned between the base and lower template.

3. (Original) The embossing system of claim 1, further comprising a scoring tool of a size to fit within the shapes of the upper template and the lower template.
4. (Original) The embossing system of claim 3, wherein the upper template and the lower template are removably connected to the base.
5. (Original) The embossing system of claim 4, wherein the textured plate is removable from the base.
6. (Original) The embossing system of claim 4, wherein the upper template and the lower template are hingedly coupled to each other.
7. (Original) The embossing system of claim 4, wherein the base includes a depressed portion for accepting the lower template.
8. (Original) The embossing system of claim 1, wherein the upper template is of a different thickness than the lower template.
9. (Original) The embossing system of claim 1, wherein the lower template has a thickness of about .010 inches.
10. (Original) The embossing system of claim 1, wherein the upper template includes a preprinted grid for aligning the material to be embossed.
11. (Original) The embossing system of claim 10, wherein the lower template includes a preprinted grid for aligning the material to be embossed.
12. (Currently Amended) A device for scoring materials, comprising:
 - first and second substantially identical templates each including a plurality of shapes, each of the plurality of shapes of the first template being substantially identical to but smaller than the plurality of shapes of the second template;
 - a base;
 - a textured plate positioned between the base and the first template; [[and]]
 - means for coupling the first template and the second template to the base; and

the lower template having an exposed outer edge around a perimeter of the plurality of shapes when the lower template and upper template are in alignment;

wherein the substantially identical shapes of the first template and the second template interact to thereby provide a crisp embossment.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) The device of claim ~~[[13]]~~ 12, wherein the base includes a depression for accepting and positioning the textured plate.

15. (Original) The device of claim 14, further comprising a stylus for scoring materials placed between the first template and the second template.

16. (Original) The device of claim 12, wherein the coupling means includes a plurality of pegs coupled to the base, the pegs mating with holes in the first template and the second template.

17. (Original) The device of claim 16, wherein the pegs are removably connected to the base.

18. (Original) The device of claim 12, wherein the first template and the second template are coupled to each other.

19. (Original) The device of claim 18, wherein the first template and the second template are hingedly coupled to each other.

20. (Original) The device of claim 12, wherein the first template and the second template have different thicknesses.

21. (Original) The device of claim 20, wherein one of the first template and the second template has a thickness of about .010 inches.

22. (Original) The device of claim 12, wherein one of the first template and the second template includes a grid for aligning a medium.

23. (Currently Amended) A scoring system, comprising:

a base member with a depression on one side thereof;

a plurality of pegs removably coupled to the base member; and

first and second templates, each of the templates including at least one substantially identical shape in substantially the same position on each of the templates, each of the templates including a plurality of holes for mating with the plurality of pegs, the first template having a different thickness than the second template, and wherein the at least one shape on one of the first template and the second template is of a different size than the at least one shape on the other template;

the at least one substantially identical shape of the first template having an outer guide edge; and

the at least one substantially identical shape of the second template having an outer embossing edge which protrudes beyond the outer edge of the second template when the first template and second template are aligned;

wherein the substantially identical shapes of the second template and the first template interact substantially simultaneously with a material to form a score in the material.

24. (Original) The scoring system of claim 23, further comprising a textured plate sized to fit within the depression of the base member.

25. (Original) The scoring system of claim 23, wherein the first template and the second template are connected to each other.

26. (Original) The scoring system of claim 23, wherein the first template and the second template are removable from the base.

27. (Original) The scoring system of claim 23, further comprising a marking instrument for scoring materials placed between the first template and the second template.

28. (Original) The scoring system of claim 23, wherein one of the first template and the second template has a thickness of about .010 inches.

29. (Cancelled)

30. (Currently Amended) The scoring system of claim [[29]] 28, wherein the other of the first template and the second template has a thickness of about .015 inches.

31. (Original) The scoring system of claim 23, wherein each shape in one of the first and second templates is about .050 inches larger in cross-section than the corresponding shape in the other of the first and second templates.

32. (Original) The scoring system of claim 23, wherein one of the first and second templates include a preprinted grid thereon for aligning a medium to be scored.

33. (Previously presented) The embossing system of claim 1, further comprising a light source positioned within the base.

34. (Previously presented) The device of claim 12, further comprising a light source positioned within the base.

35. (Previously presented) The scoring system of claim 23, further comprising a light source positioned within the depression of the base member.

36. (Currently Amended) An embossing system, comprising:

a first template including a first plurality of shapes formed therein, [[and]]

an second template including a second plurality of shapes formed therein that align with the first plurality of shapes of the first template, the second plurality of shapes being larger in size than but substantially identical shape to the corresponding first plurality of shapes;

a marking instrument for scoring materials placed between the first template and the second template; and

the lower template having an exposed outer edge around a perimeter of the plurality of shapes when the lower template and upper template are in alignment;

wherein the substantially identical shapes of the lower template and the upper template interact to thereby provide a crisp embossment.

37. (Previously presented) The embossing system of claim 36, wherein each of the first and second templates including a plurality of holes for aligning the first and second templates relative to each other.